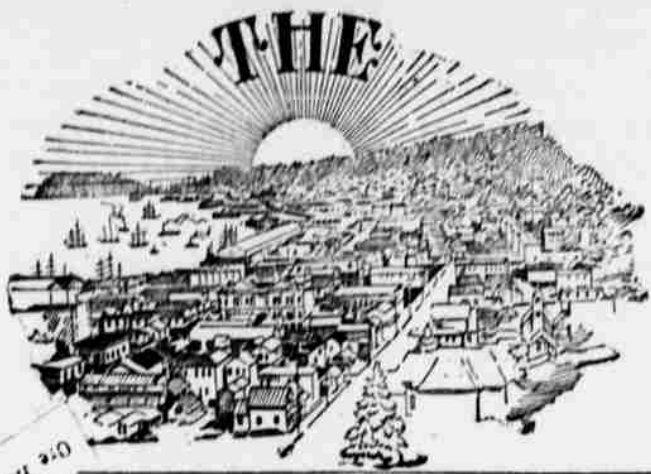


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FOR BETTER ARMY PAY

Higher Wages of Civil Life
Draw Men Away.

THREATEN ARMY'S LIFE

San Francisco Hod Carrier Re-
ceives More than Sec-
ond Lieutenant.

FOR SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE

Brigadier General Funston Recom-
mends Fifty Per Cent Increase in
Pay of Men and Non-commis-
sioned Officers.

Brigadier General Funston in his annual report to the Secretary of War makes a strong plea for better pay in the army. He says a bricklayer, plasterer or plumber in San Francisco receives more pay than a captain in the army after twenty years of service stationed in any of the posts near that city. A hod carrier receives more pay than a second lieutenant. Funston says: "No one believes that army officers should attempt to compete in display with persons of wealth, but they should be able to live decently without being continually harassed by the fear of debt."

Continuing the report says: "Of even greater importance than the question of officers' pay is that of the enlisted men of the service, for the army will always have all the officers the law allows, regardless of pay, but the very existence of the army is threatened if wages in civil life continue to rise, unless steps are taken to increase the pay of the rank and file. The wonder is that the wretched pay offered in the army obtains as many good men as it does. A 50 per cent increase in the pay of non-commissioned officers and a like increase for privates after the first enlistment should work a revolution."

MANY CRAFTS IDLE.

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—Approximately 400 men are temporarily out of employment because river steamers are tied up by the ice in the Columbia. Twenty-two boats are out of commission—12 log-towing craft and 10 engaged in the freight and passenger trade. The only craft not idle in this part of the district are the steamers operated by the Oregon City Transportation Company between Portland and points on the upper Willamette. Captain James Shaver of the Shaver Transportation Company, says that none of his boats will be sent out again until the Columbia river is free of the ice jams. He was on the M. F. Henderson, which returned from Stella yesterday, after delivering a cargo of provisions to the logging camps. The skipper declares that the situation down that way is worse than has been depicted. In places it is estimated the depth of the jams is close on to 15 feet. Some of the floating "bergs" are almost submerged, and make it necessary to exercise the greatest care to avoid collisions with them.

The residents of the Washington side of the river are practically cut off from the rest of the world. With the river full of floating ice, they are unable to cross over to the Oregon side to get to the railroad. It is fully 20 miles from Stella to the nearest railroad station on the Washington side of the river. Unless navigation can be resumed in the next three days, Captain Shaver is of the opinion that intense suffering will be general in the little towns north of the lower Columbia. The residents have only a limited amount of supplies on hand, having depended wholly on getting everything they need from this city.

It is feared that three or four of warm weather will be required to thaw out the ice so the boats can be put back on their respective runs.

ANOTHER BIG WRECK.

Singular Coincidence Occurs on the Big Four Line.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 19.—Big Four officials late tonight received a report from Sanford, Ind., nine miles west of here, that a car of powder exploded on a siding, and wrecked the west bound passenger. The wreckage caught fire and was consumed. The freight car of powder was also destroyed. It is believed that several were killed and a score injured. Relief trains have been sent to the scene.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 20, 12:30 a. m.—Unofficial advices through railroad sources state that eight or ten persons were killed and 25 to 30 persons injured at Sanford. It is reported that the injured are being taken to Mattson, Ill., and Terre Haute, Ind. Some, however, are being cared for by Sanford people.

GENERAL LEE HONORED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee was commemorated here tonight, under the auspices of the United Confederate and Southern Societies of the District of Columbia. The ball room of the New Willard Hotel was filled to overflowing. A special section was set apart for the Confederate veterans who marched to the hall escorted by the Spanish War veterans. Although unable to attend, President Roosevelt sent a letter in which he extolled the virtues of the Confederacy's great general. His suggestion that the centennial anniversary be celebrated by the establishment of a permanent Lee memorial with some great representative educational institution in the South met with favor. The exercises were presided over by Hillary A. Herbert, former secretary of the navy. The reading of the President's letter was assigned to Mrs. Ralph Walsh, president of the District of Columbia division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Speeches were made by Senator Berry, Arkansas; Justice David Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, and Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi. The annual ceremonies of presenting crosses of honor to the Confederate veterans of distinguished military record then occurred.

STRANGE DISEASE.

Kills Twenty Five Persons Within Last Fifteen Days.

SHAWNEE, Okla., Jan. 19.—Twenty-five deaths within the last 15 days is the remarkable record of fatalities from a strange disease in a region along the Canadian river, about four and a half miles from Konoway Indian Territory, southeast of here. Many others are seriously ill. The disease resembles spinal meningitis, but physicians declare that the malady is different in a number of ways.

ANTICIPATE NO TROUBLE.

Officers Not Alarmed Over Threat to Release Black Trooper.

FORT SILL, Okla., Jan. 19.—Major Charles W. Taylor, commanding officer of Fort Sill, last night issued a statement bearing on the rumored threat of negroes to forcibly release corporal Knowles of the 25th Infantry, colored, in the guard house awaiting court martial on the charge of assaulting Captain Edgar B. Macklin at Fort Reno on the night of December 21.

"I have heard of these plans, purported to be well materialized, but I want to say emphatically that we are prepared for any such contingency. I do not anticipate any trouble at all." Knowles is closely guarded night and day. His defense will be an alibi.

BUILD INTO MEXICO.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 19.—It is stated here in railroad circles that the El Paso & Southwestern Railway Company will increase its capital stock from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000 for the purpose of extending its line into Mexico.

FIRST IN WAR.

PARIS, Jan. 19.—Eugene Lachatre, who fired the first cannon in the war of 1870, has just died at his home in Mont Lucien.

RELIEF FOR KINGSTON

Supplies and Medicines
Are Rapidly Sent.

LITTLE LOOTING DONE

American Marines Used Only for
Work of Rescue of Buri-
ed Bodies.

LUNATICS ROAM AT LARGE

American Warships Bring Much Need-
ed Drugs and Provisions—Many
of Island Wish to Leave—Sal-
vation Army Helps.

KINGSTON, Jan. 19.—The work of clearing the streets of Kingston of debris, wreckage and corpses of the victims of the earthquake and conflagration is proceeding rapidly. The American battleships Indiana and Missouri arrived here Thursday. Admiral Davis at once visited Governor Sweetenham and offered guards for the banks and public buildings and rescuing parties to aid in recovering the dead. The rescue detachments were graciously accepted and marines were landed Thursday morning, and are still working like trojans, performing service that forever will be remembered in this little island. The offer of guards for banks was declined, as the local troops and militia and constabulary were deemed sufficient.

The conduct of the populace is admirable. There have been but few attempts at looting and these were confined to rum shops and have been summarily stopped. The guards have not fired a single shot and perfect order prevails.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—A movement for the relief of the Jamaica earthquake sufferers was started here today when the officers of the British Empire Association met an issued an appeal to the citizens of Chicago for funds.

The Salvation Army began active work for the relief of the sufferers when Western Commander George A. Kilbey instructed his officers in Chicago and throughout the east to canvass for aid for the victims, each officer to work on the plan he thinks best. The army has a well organized body in Jamaica.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—A Kingston, Jan., dispatch to the Herald states that the battleship Missouri, lying off the penitentiary overawed the unruly convicts by firing two rounds of blank cartridges and landing an armed party. The help was thankfully received by the government.

The Herald's correspondent reports that the inmates of the asylum are at large, but he says that in the present state of mind nearly all Kingston is crazed. Many persons were rendered insane by the shock, the most notable being Gerald Lowder, well known in London.

A dispatch to the Sun from Holland Bay, Jamaica, says great suffering exists among the poor of Jamaica. A delegation of fifty sufferers appealed to the government for a systematic distribution of relief. The spokesman said many were dying of neglect. He charged that those with money had been applied with food and medicine. Port Royal has again sunk and geysers are springing up in the streets. The land has now subsided eight feet. The American consulate was wrecked. The acting consul tried yesterday to get a cable dispatch to the state Department asking for help.

He has to travel all night in a small boat to reach Holland Bay from where the cables are sent.

KINGSTON, Jan. 19.—The United States warships Indiana and Missouri

arrived this morning from Guanatamo, bringing large quantities of medicines and foods. The torpedo destroyer Whipple arrived during the night with a boat load of medicines which was sent ashore in charge of surgeon McDonnell. The cruiser Yankee is expected to arrive here soon. Many of the Americans who were in Kingston at the time of the disaster have been taken aboard the warship. They intended to take passage for the United States on board the Hamburg-American vessel ran ashore near the wreck of our steamer Prinz Frederick, but that the steamer Prinzessin Louise last night. The Plum Point light house was smashed by the earthquake and vessels arriving at night have no lights to go by. The steamer Prinz Waldermar is also hard ashore. The wrecker Premier has gone to the aid of the stranded vessels.

Several slight shocks of earthquake felt here last night. The death list is now about 700. The work of clearing up the streets of debris is being pushed. Dynamite is being used to blow down some of the ruins. The people here greatly appreciate the action of the American government in sending warships and supplies.

A remarkable incident of the earthquake has just come to light. An English clerk in a store was buried under falling walls, and for many hours great fires swept over him. Wednesday the clerk was dug out alive. His injuries are not severe.

Five hundred persons are still under treatment in the hospital. No Americans lost their lives in the disaster.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—A sign that order is being restored at Kingston is the fact that yesterday the Western Union Telegraph Company's one intact cable from Jamaica was monopolized largely by the island government. The officials are beginning to make extra calls on the company in ordering supplies and transacting official business. The Western Union is many hours behind in handling general business to and from Kingston, but messages were received last night which led to the belief that one of its incapacitated cables to Holland Bay would be in working order some time today.

VISIT THE COLUMBIA.

Those on Board the Icebound Steamer
May Be in Need.

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—E. F. De Grandpre, of the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company, made a visit this afternoon to the steamer Columbia, ice-bound at Warrior Rock, three miles above St. Helen's, to ascertain if the passengers, officers and crew are in need of anything. Aside from the crew there are 90 people on board the steamer, who took passage on her Wednesday night at Portland for San Francisco. Of course they did not know that they would be obliged to spend the best part of a week cut off from civilization in the middle of the Columbia river, and it is feared that many of them are in need of additional clothing or other personal effects. If the passengers show a willingness to walk over the ice for a mile or so, it is claimed they can be taken to St. Helen's in small boats. Then they could take the train for Portland. The Columbia has a sufficient amount of food on board to last two weeks, and there is no uneasiness on this score.

ETIQUETTE INTERFERES.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says that Queen Victoria wants to nurse her coming baby herself but she will not be allowed to do so because it is contrary to Spanish etiquette. An English nurse has been engaged.

MILL OBLITERATED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—A fire that broke out in the planing mill of J. M. Kruse, at Treat Avenue and Twenty Third Street last night destroyed the entire plant, entailing a loss of \$25,000.

ALI NOW SHAH.

TEHERAN, Jan. 19.—The coronation of Mohammed Ali Mirza as Shah of Persia occurred this afternoon in an impressive manner with a brilliant display of oriental grandeur.

KNEW OF MACKLIN AFFAIR.

LA JUNTA, Colo., Jan. 19.—Z. T. Andrews, a negro, was arrested here yesterday, charged with having knowledge of the shooting of Captain Macklin, at Fort Reno, Okla., a few weeks ago.

MANY ARE DESTITUTE

Floods Along Ohio Drive
People from Homes.

WATERS FLOOD CITIES

Gradual Rise Inundates Houses
and Crowded Business
Districts.

NO SIGNS OF ABATEMENT

City of California Completely Sub-
merged—Stores Are Being Used to
House the Homeless—Free
Soup Houses Opened.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 19.—There was no sign of relief from the flood conditions today. At 8 o'clock this morning the stage at this point was 62 feet, the water having passed the highest records since that of February, 1889, during the night. For a distance of four squares from the normal water front the lower portion of the city is flooded. The bridges are cut off from the land, except for narrow footpassages, leaving the railroad bridges the only means of communication for foot passengers between the Kentucky side and this city. This effects seriously several thousand people who work in Cincinnati, whose homes are in Newport, Covington and other Kentucky suburbs.

The town of California, just above the city, is reported completely under water. In Newport it is estimated there are nearly 100 blocks under water and that fully 5,000 people are homeless and almost destitute. All stores have been closed, and are being used to house the homeless. Free soup houses were opened here today.

It is estimated that at least 15,000 people are homeless today, owing to the flooding of the lower sections of Cincinnati, and the cities on the Kentucky side. Nearly 3,000 have been driven from their homes in Cincinnati, and all the other cities within ten miles of this city report thousands suffering.

A special meeting of the city council today voted bonds to the amount of \$10,000 for the relief of the flood sufferers, and the mayor was authorized to draw \$13,000 additional for relief.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 19.—With the crest of the flood not yet in sight and the prospect of a near approach to the loss of February, 1889, attempts were made today to estimate the losses from the present flood in this city. Commission houses located in the low lands lost at least a hundred thousand dollars. Many thousands will be lost by factories through enforced idleness and unproductiveness and more than 40,000 men will lose wages. Not less than 15,000 have been driven from their homes, most of them being forced to depend on charity for the necessities of life. Reports from river cities both above and below Cincinnati are being greivously with pleas for help. Many small towns are inundated.

EQUIPMENT INADEQUATE.

Northern Pacific Has Not Cars Enough
to Supply Trade.

TACOMA, Jan. 19.—The investigations into the lumber car shortage by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane today developed facts showing the Northern Pacific equipment is entirely inadequate to handle the lumber products of western Washington. Sawmill owners told how small concerns were gradually being forced into bankruptcy, how larger concerns have sustained losses that reach into hundreds of thousands of dollars and how thousands of mechanics have been thrown out of employ-

ment by the failure of the Northern Pacific to furnish cars enough to enable the 750 wood working companies on their lines to market their product.

GAIN FOR MEXICO.

Change in River Threatens Change of
Boundary Line.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 19.—At a meeting of the citizens of Ysleta and Socorro and the citizens of the Rio Grande Valley below El Paso yesterday it was decided to appeal to the international boundary commission for power to cut a canal on the Mexican side of the river, straightening the course, in order to save the towns of Ysleta and Socorro and several thousand acres of the valley land from being thrown into Mexico, by the cutting of a new channel. For years the river has been gradually cutting its way into the American side.

SAT WITH NEGROES.

But President of Constitutional Con-
vention Took Exception to Act.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Jan. 19.—Captain Silas Greeley, of Guthrie, formerly a member of the legislature from Oklahoma, and a wealthy citizen, was ejected from the constitutional convention here today by President Murray, as a result of a contention regarding the President's order respecting the "Jim Crow" section of the hall. Murray recently set aside a certain section of the hall for negroes, and Greeley had occupied a seat in that section upon several occasions.

VERDICT IS MURDER.

Coroner's Jury Reports on Ghastly
Death at Chehalis.

CHEHALIS, Jan. 19.—The coroner's jury in the death of J. A. Wallis today returned the verdict that Wallis was killed by Albin Flink, a saloonman, who beat out Wallis' brains with a piece of iron as a result of a quarrel. The assault occurred last Sunday in a boarding house, where Flink resided. Wallis died yesterday. Flink has disappeared.

BRAZILIAN REVOLT.

ASUNCION, Jan. 19.—A number of Brazilians residing in Paraguay took part in a revolt against the authorities of Matto Grosso. They succeeded in crossing the frontier, but were overtaken by Brazilian troops and dispersed. The Brazilian soldiers pursued some of the fleeing revolutionists into Paraguay, but were forced to withdraw by the Paraguayan authorities.

GIVE ARGENTINE STATUE.

BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 19.—The government is advised by the Argentine consul at New York that Merchants in the United States having interests in Argentina wish to present to the municipality of Buenos Ayres a statue of Washington to be unveiled in 1910, the centennial of the Argentine revolution against Spain. The government has received the plan favorably.

MINERS DIVIDE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 19.—The convention of United Mine Workers of America adopted the report of President Mitchell, but refused to concur in the report of Vice President Lewis. Mitchell endorsed the action of the last national convention, allowing miners to sign agreements by districts. Lewis had taken the opposite position.

BLACK TROOPS PLEASED.

FORT RENO, Okla., Jan. 19.—It is announced at the fort that the battalion of the 25th Infantry, colored, slated to serve in the Philippines, would sail March 15 for the islands. The negroes are pleased with the indications.

TOKIO TIDAL WAVE.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—A special to the Daily News from Tokio says: There was a tidal wave at the entrance of Tokio bay yesterday. No report of damage has been received.

NATIONS ARE FRIENDLY.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Baron de Kuchin, formerly a cabinet officer in the Japanese government, arrived here last night. He is on his way to New York, where he is to sail for England on Tuesday. Baron Kuchin expressed himself as satisfied with the friendship existing between his country and the United States.